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1. On 22 and 23 January 1953 the East German Government called a special session of the Plenary Assembly 1/ of the Academy of Sciences and of all directors and department heads of institutes affiliated with the Academy of Sciences. Also present were Professor Alfred Lange of the Central Office for Research and Technology (ZAFU), his assistant (fnu) Wittbrodt, and several representatives of East German technical industry. Among the latter persons were (fnu) Goerlich and (fnu) Hartwig of VEB Carl Zeiss, Jena; (fnu) Stamm of TRAFU, Dresden, and (fnu) Witte of BLAG. The theoretician of the SED Central Committee, Fred Oelsner, was also present. On the first day of the session, Vice Minister President Walter Ulbricht and the Minister for Coordination Paul Wandel 2/ explained its purpose. Ulbricht stated that a number of difficulties in industrial production and in the fulfillment of the production plans had clearly shown that the coordination between industry and science was not as it ought to be. In order to improve this situation he requested that a number of commissions be established for the purpose of better coordination between science and industry. This coordination should be modelled after the Russian example, Ulbricht stated. He reproached the East German scientists with orienting themselves toward Western scientific thinking and methods rather than emulating the Russian example.
2. On the second day of the meeting, Wandel, assisted by Minister President Otto Grotewohl, followed up the same theme. Academy member Professor Hans Artel then made a speech in which he suggested the establishment of nine commissions for the purpose of coordinating the work of the Academy of Sciences with all sectors of East German economy and sociology. 4 The meeting decided in favor of the establishment of these commissions. Among the proposed commissions are: one for heavy industry, one for the build-up of power industry and one for basic chemical matters.

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3. Ulbricht's admonitions provoked the contradiction of many of the scientists. Professor Eduard Maurer, newly appointed Academy member and head of the Institute for Research on Ferrous Metals in Hennigsdorf 5/told Minister President Grotewohl in a speech before the Assembly, on the second day of the meeting, that Ulbricht's criticism was ill advised in view of the fact that the East German scientists were almost never allowed to come in contact with their Russian colleagues and, furthermore, that the supply of Russian scientific literature to the East German scientists was worse than poor. Maurer added: "If an East German scientist needs scientific literature, he is forced to go to the Amerika Haus at Nollendorf Platz in West Berlin, because that is the only place where he can really find it". Grotewohl replied that he was unable to answer this statement because it did not fall **in his field** .

1/ Comment: This Assembly includes all regular members of the Academy.

2/ Comment: Wandel was formerly Minister of Education.

3/ Comment: Paul Wandel in May 1952 was appointed chief of the Teaching, Science and Art Office of the Cabinet for Coordination and Control.

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4/ Comment: for names and functions of these commissions.

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5/ Comment: The institute at Hennigsdorf is not an Academy institute

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